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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TOURE PLANS TO VISIT LAGOS MAY 8

1. NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR UCHUNO REPORTS PRIME MINISTER INFORMED HIM APRIL 30 THAT PRESIDENT TOURE WANTED TO VISIT LAGOS MAY 8-9 WITH FORTY-MAN DELEGATION AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR USE OF NIGERIAN AIR TRANSPORT; PRIME MINISTER SAID MESSAGE HAD ALSO BEEN SENT VIA GUINEAN AMBASSADOR IN LAGOS. UCHUNO REPORTED THIS TO LAGOS MAY 1 BUT HAS HAD NO REPLY. MEANWHILE, GOG TELLS HIM ITS AMBASSADOR REPORTS FMG HAS AGREED TO VISIT BEGINNING MORNING MAY 8 AND WILL SEND PLANE BUT SUGGESTS THREE OR FOUR-DAY VISIT INSTEAD OF TWO.

2. UCHUNO BELIEVES FOCUS OF DISCUSSIONS WILL BE AFRICAN REGIONAL PROBLEMS AND GUINEA/NIGERIAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION. REGIONAL TALKS WOULD BE IN CONTEXT OF TOURE'S WISH TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF AS ELDER STATESMAN AND MEDIATOR. ECONOMIC COOPERATION WILL BE APPROACHED IN FRAMEWORK OF ECOWAS, IN WHICH GUINEA HAS TAKEN STRONG INTEREST AND WHICH HAS ALREADY CONTRIBUTED TO EXCHANGES OF IDEAS LEADING TO DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS FOR PRODUCTION OF ALUMINUM IN NIGERIA, USING GUINEAN ALUMINA AND NIGERIAN GAS.
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